which masked men looted the passengers in a moving bus. However, during the last two months (March and April), five cases in which passengers were robbed while travelling in buses have been registered, which included one case registered at Model Town Police Station in which two passengers were robbed by a group consisting of four persons. Out of these five cases two have since been worked out and some of the accused also arrested.

(c) Appropriate action is promptly taken against the police officials if any, found negligent or slack in performance of their duties.

Complaints against Director (PFA)

4830. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2247 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 2002 and state:

(a) whether CVC, CBI have received corruption complaints against Director (PFA), illegally favouring traders etc.;

(b) if so, the details of allegations in complaints; and

(c) the action Government propose to take against Director (PFA) in view of corruption complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Action against fraudulent company

4831. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2257 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 2002 and state:

(a) what action has been taken against the accused of fraudulent company namely Indian Informatic Infotech, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;

(b) whether money has been taken refunded to all applicants by Oriental Bank of Commerce, Vasant Kunj as per direction at the Court;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any representation was received by above bank for expediting the refund particularly from the applicants of Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon and by when all applicants from above district would get their money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) The investigation in this case has been completed and the matter put to Court for trial.

(b) and (c) The process of refunding money to the persons who were cheated by the company is in progress and so far 1870 persons have been refunded their money.

(d) and (e) The information in being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Rejection of petition filed to lift the ban on religious activities

4832. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has rejected the petition filed by the Central Government to lift the ban on religious activities either on the disputed land or on nearabout the undisputed land in the Babri Masjid site till the adjudication of the title suits of the Allahabad High Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the further course of action to be pursued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) The Supreme Court in its Judgement in the Writ Petition No. 160 (Civil) of 2002 - Mohd. Aslam @ Bhure Vs. Union of India and others delivered on 31.3.2003, has held that its earlier order of 13.3.2002 as modified on 14.3.2002 will continue to be operative until disposal of the title suits in the Special Full Bench of the Allahabad High Court at Lucknow. In terms of the Judgement, the Central Government as a statutory receiver is bound to maintain status quo in the acquired area at Ram Janma Bhoomi Babri Masjid Complex at Ayodhya.

Detention of minor boys under pota

4833. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of minor boys in the State of Jharkhand have been detained under the provisions of the POTA;

(b) the number of the POTA detainees in Jharkhand showing details namely, district-wise and age group-wise break ups and period of detention of each detainee till 31st March, 2003;

(c) the number of instances prosecution has commenced in the Court; and

(d) the number of instances detainees have been released without trial-age, period of detention and reason for release in each case?